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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

<b>Application No.:</b>	10/563,246	<b>Examiner:</b>	Severson, Jeremy R.
<b>Filing Date:</b>	May 3, 2006	<b>Art Unit:</b>	3653
<b>First Inventor:</b>	Peter Dopfer	<b>Customer No.:</b>	23364
<b>Attorney No.:</b>	DOPF3003/JJC/PMB	<b>Confirm. No.:</b>	8678
<b>For:</b>	<b>CONTINUOUS SEPARATION OF LOOSE SHEETS</b>		

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 TO OFFICE ACTION**  
**OF DECEMBER 26, 2008**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is responsive to the Office Action dated December 26, 2008 in the above application wherein claims 1-24 are finally rejected.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.